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Applicant: Donald Straus

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Title: Genomic Profiling: A Rapid Method for Testing a Complex Biological Sample for the Presence of Many Types of Organisms

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REPLY TO EXAMINER'S ACTION

In reply to the Examiner's Action mailed February 17, 2000, kindly amend the application as follows.

In the Claims:

Amend claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 15-20, and 47 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for [obtaining genetic information from] detecting target nucleic acid molecules in a biological sample potentially comprising such target nucleic acid molecules, said method comprising the steps of: